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Response to a Requirement for Restriction

Application No. 10/813,948

This communication is a response to a requirement for an election of species. the requirement for restriction has a mailing date of 09/01/2005 and sets forth a shortened statutory period for response of one month which would expire on 10/01/2005.

The examiner identifies two groups as follows:

Group I, a means for fastening shown in Figs, 2A, 2B, 2C or 2D

Group π , a connection for connecting a bottom of the umbrella to another structure as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, 4, 5 or 7.

Applicant hereby elects group I to be prosecuted without traverse. Claims 1 - 8 and 12 - 16 are readable on the Figs as enumerated above.

It should be noted that claim 16 has been amended. The dependency identifier of this claim had been inadvertently omitted.

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